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Good afternoon Senator Looney and Representative Janowski, and members of the Executive and Legislative Nominations Committee.

I am honored to appear before the Committee regarding my nomination by the Governor as an alternate Superior Court Judge member of the Judicial Review Council.

I want to thank the governor for her nomination. If approved by the General Assembly, I look forward to involvement in the matters of the Judicial Review Council. I am familiar with its duty to insure judicial independence, and its duty to uphold the dignity and integrity of the judiciary. In addition, I have known its new executive director, Peter Clark, for many years—we first met at the United States Attorneys office in 1971—and it would be a distinction to serve with him again.

By way of biographical background, I was first appointed as a judge in 1997 and was reappointed in 2005. I have previously held the positions of Assistant U.S. Attorney and Assistant State Attorney General, and have been in private practice. I served briefly as Connecticut's Secretary of the State, after a period of four years as Connecticut's elections attorney and Deputy Secretary of the State.

I am also on the board of the Connecticut Supreme Court Historical Society and have published one book and several law review articles.

I appreciate your attention and welcome the opportunity to answer any questions that you may have for me. Thank you.